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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CONFERENCE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY OF THE WHITE HOUSE ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1995 CONCERNING THE NUCLEAR TEST CONDUCTED BY FRANCE ON THAT DAY

Attached is a copy of a Statement by the Press Secretary of the White House made on 5 September 1995, concerning the nuclear test conducted by France on that day.

I would be grateful if you would issue this statement as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distribute it to all member States and non-member participants in the work of the CD.

(Signed) Stephen J. Ledogar
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY, 5 SEPTEMBER 1995

Today, France conducted an underground nuclear test at the Mururoa test site in the South Pacific. The United States regrets this action.

All of the Nuclear Weapon States agreed at the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review and Extension Conference in New York in May 1995 to exercise "utmost restraint" in nuclear testing pending the entry into force of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We continue to urge all of the nuclear powers, including France, to refrain from further nuclear tests and to join in a global moratorium as we work to complete and sign a CTBT in 1996. In this regard, we take note of President Chirac's strong commitment to sign a CTBT banning all nuclear tests regardless of level no later than the Fall of 1996.